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**ENGLISH**

**अंग्रेजी**

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**Instructions -**

- (1) **All questions are compulsory.**
- (2) **Marks are indicated in front of each question.**



**SECTION – A**

**(Reading)**

Q.1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below - [5×1=5]

There seems to be a general opinion in this country that Sardar Patel was slightly of harsh and rough temperament. Men called him the 'Iron man of India'. He was no doubt, an iron man in the sense that one could rely on him for strict and efficient administration. But as a man, to those who had the good fortune of coming into close contact with him, he was kind and considerate. At time, he even became emotional where his personal friends and followers were concerned. However, it goes without saying that the Sardar Patel had the great skill for organizing affairs. He knew the way of picking people and putting them in their proper place. Once he judged a man and found him correct, he trusted him fully and got him to do anything he wanted.

**Questions -**

- (I) Sardar Patel was called .....of India.  
(a) Golden Man (b) Iron Man  
(c) Steel Man (d) None of these
- (II) One could rely on him for strict and efficient -  
(a) administration (b) treatment  
(c) work (d) arrangement
- (III) To those who came in close contact with him, he was -  
(a) harsh and rough (b) kind and considerate  
(c) indifferent (d) All of these
- (IV) Which of these is the opposite of the word 'rough'?  
(a) kind (b) emotional  
(c) harsh (d) smooth
- (V) Find out the word from the passage which means 'luck' -  
(a) fortune (b) kind  
(c) efficient (d) temperament

Q.2 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below -

[5×1=5]

Who can describe the pleasure and delight, the peace of mind and soft tranquillity one would feel in the balmy air, green hills and rich woods of a village. These lines are rightly said by great English writer, Charles Dickens. No doubt, city life is charming and glamorous for some has all the facilities to make one's life comfortable but none can deny the pleasure of soaking in the beauty of the Sun rising slowly from the horizon. The light sky, fresh white clouds, birds chirping merrily and trees dancing to the tune of flowing air gives the day a nice start. In cities, sometimes it is difficult to get even a glimpse of the sky. The hustle and bustle of city life does not give us a chance to enjoy even the simplest pleasures of life. A typical urban day wakes to the shrill buzz of the alarm and then starts the mundane activities of getting ready, having a quick bite, hurrying to office and sitting there in front of the boring computer screen all day long. Coming back home is nonetheless an ordeal for most of us. Compared to it, is the slow but rhythmic life of village where one has the time to absorb the beauty of the day and thank God for his blessings. Which one do you prefer?

### Questions -

- (I) The supporters of the city life are of the opinion that it is -
- (a) charming
  - (b) glamorous
  - (c) comfortable
  - (d) All of these
- (II) A drawback of the village life can be -
- (a) bird's chirping
  - (b) fresh air
  - (c) simple life
  - (d) limited facilities
- (III) The hustle and bustle of city life means -
- (a) the city life is better than village life
  - (b) the city life is too fast
  - (c) the city life is full of interesting activities
  - (d) the city life is dull
- (IV) The synonym of 'mundane' as used in the passage is -
- (a) extraordinary
  - (b) typical
  - (c) routine
  - (d) interesting
- (V) According to the passage, it is always easy to get a glimpse of the sky in cities every day. (True /False)

## **SECTION – B**

### **(Writing)**

- Q.3 Read the following passage and make notes on it and also give a suitable title to it - [4]

All vehicles should keep to the left and leave the right half of the road free for those coming from the opposite direction. This is the traffic rule in all parts of India. In some countries in the west, however, vehicles have to keep to the right and not to the left, but everyone should obey the rule. Cyclists should always keep to the edge of the road and not get in the way of other vehicles or of pedestrians. We often see two or more cyclists riding together side by side right in the middle of the road. Traffic rules do not allow this.

Road safety refers to the measures which must be adopted by everyone while using roads. These safety methods are meant for reducing the risk of accidents and injuries or casualties on the road. These rules must be followed by all users of roads including pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and bus and truck drivers.

- Q.4 You are Rajesh/ Rajani studying in Govt. Excellence Higher Secondary School, Ujjain. Write an application to your Principal requesting five days sick leave. <https://www.mpboardonline.com> [4]

### **OR**

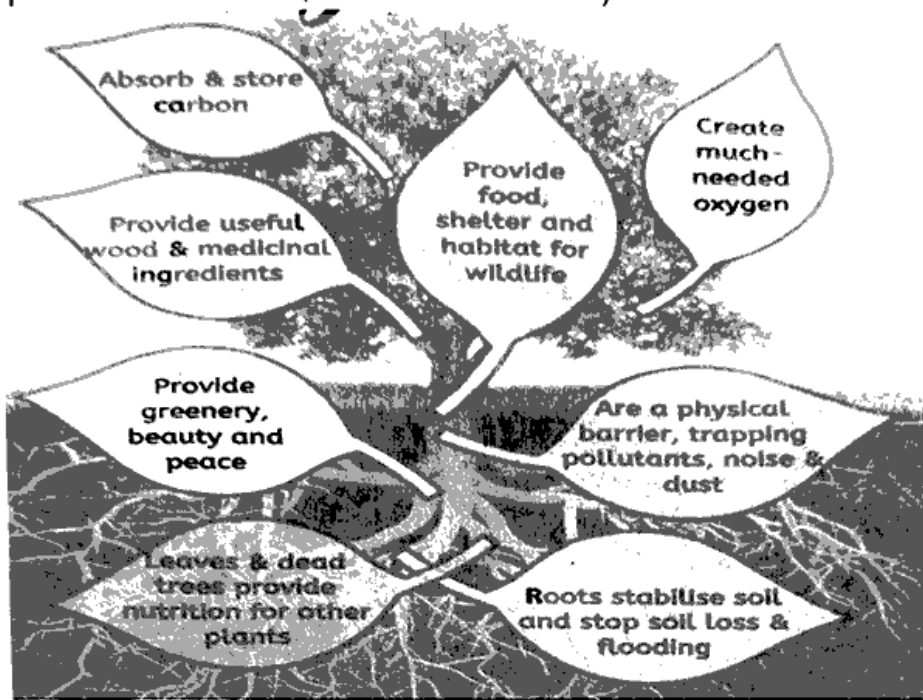
You are Jayant/ Jagriti residing at 402-B Gandhi Nagar, Bhopal. Write a letter to your father requesting him to send you ₹ 1000 for purchasing some books.

- Q.5 Write an essay on Any One of the following topics in 150 words - [5]

- (a) Importance of sports and games
- (b) Pollution problem
- (c) Online education
- (d) Science and Technology

- Q.6 On the basis of the picture given below, write a short paragraph on the importance of tree - (in about 75 words)

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### **SECTION – C** **(Grammar)**

- Q.7 Fill the blanks choosing the correct alternative given in the brackets - (Any Five)

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- She is .....most intelligent girl of our school. (a, an, the)
- Vikas ..... very well yesterday. (plays, played, playing)
- Earthquakes.....occur at any moment. (may, should, must)
- Usha was ill..... she did not attend the party. (and, so, but)
- He doesn't have ..... time to meet. (many, some, much)
- Ravindra.....learning English when the teacher arrived.  
(was, is, has)

- Q.8 Do as directed - (Any Five)

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- solve/ the/ he/ problems/ all/ can  
(Rearrange the jumbled words into a meaningful sentence)
- We celebrate Diwali every year. (Change into Passive Voice)
- He worked hard.  
He did not succeed. (Combine the sentences using 'but')
- He enjoyed his vacation. (Change into Negative)
- She is too busy to go outside.  
(Rewrite the sentence using 'so.....that' in place of 'too..... to')
- They have sung a beautiful song.  
(Change into Present Continuous Tense)

## SECTION – D

### (Textbook)

Q.9 Choose the correct option

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(I) Which national award was conferred on Ustad Bismillah Khan?

- (a) Padamshri (b) Padma Bhushan  
(c) Padma Vibhushan (d) All of these

(II) Why did Santosh leave home for Delhi?

- (a) To roam about  
(b) To meet a friend  
(c) To get proper education and avoid marriage  
(d) To tease her parents

(III) Who is the poet of 'Rain on the Roof'?

- (a) Robert Frost (b) Coates Kinney  
(c) Phoebe Cary (d) James Kirkup

(IV) Which famous Hindu temple is situated in Kathmandu?

- (a) Kedarnath (b) Somnath  
(c) Badrinath (d) Pashupatinath

Q.10 (A) Read the given extract and answer the following questions -

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The doctor replied, "I ran and ran till I reached a friend's house. Immediately I smeared oil all over myself and took a bath. I changed into fresh clothes. The next morning at about eight – thirty I took my friend and one or two others to my room to move my things from there. But we found we had little to carry. Some thief had removed most of my things. The room had been cleaned out! But not really, the thief had left behind one thing as a final insult!"

### Questions -

- (I) Where did the doctor reach?
- (a) Hospital (b) His own house  
(c) ~~A friend's house~~ (d) A medical store
- (II) Why did he take his friends to his room?
- (a) ~~To move his things from there~~  
(b) To enjoy with them  
(c) To frighten them  
(d) To frighten the snake
- (III) Who had removed most of the things from doctor's room?
- (a) Snake (b) Some friends  
(c) Doctor himself (d) ~~Thief~~
- (B) Read the given extract and answer the following questions - [3]

He came to the door of a cottage,  
In travelling round the earth,  
Where a little woman was making cakes  
And baking them on the hearth;

### Questions -

- (I) Who was making cakes?
- (a) Saint Peter (b) ~~A little woman~~  
(c) An old man (d) A little girl
- (II) What does the word 'Cottage' mean?
- (a) College (b) ~~Forest~~  
(c) ~~House~~ (d) Temple
- (III) From which poem the above extract has been taken?
- (a) The Road Not Taken  
(b) ~~A Legend of the Northland~~  
(c) Wind  
(d) Rain On The Roof

Q.11 Answer the following questions in about 30 words – (Any Six)

[6×2=12]

- (I) What kind of teachers did Margie and Tommy have?
- (II) Why was Kezia afraid of her father?
- (III) Why does the world remember Einstein as a 'World Citizen'?
- (IV) What characteristics does Abdul Kalam say he inherited from his parents?
- (V) Who helped Evelyn to continue with music? What did he do and say?
- (VI) Name the two temples the author visited in Kathmandu.
- (VII) Why didn't Maria's mother go with her?

Q.12 Answer the following questions in about 30 words – (Any Two)

[2×2=4]

- (I) Where does the traveller find himself? What problem does he face?
- (II) What does the poet say the wind god winnows?
- (III) Why does poet want to go to Innisfree?

Q.13 Answer the following questions in about 30 words – (Any Two)

[2×2=4]

- (I) Why does the lost child lose interest in the things that he had wanted earlier?
- (II) What are the two strange things the Guru and his disciple find in the Kingdom of Fools?
- (III) What does the Swallow see when it flies over the city?

Q.14 How did Santosh begin to climb mountains? (in about 75 words)

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**OR**

How does Tommy describe the old kind of school?

Q.15 What are the ideas contained in the poem "The Lake Isle of Innisfree"?

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**OR**

Write the central idea of poem 'Wind'. (in about 75 words)

Q.16 What values did Olga exhibit while saving the life of Lushkoff?

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**OR**

What actions of the schoolmates change the author's understanding of life and people, and comfort him emotionally? (in about 75 words)